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TO: ALL SUPERVISORS

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FIRE DANGER PREPARATIONS

Southern California is currently experiencing severe fire conditions with high temperatures, low humidity, very dry vegetation and Santa Ana winds, resulting in a "red flag warning" issued by the National Weather Service.

The winds are expected to increase throughout the day and peak tonight. The strong winds are expected to subside tomorrow afternoon around 2:00 p.m., but milder winds will continue through Thursday.

Additional resources have been placed in both the Santa Clarita and Calabasas areas and appropriate specialized apparatus have been staffed up to help mitigate the danger. We are also coordinating closely with other fire agencies to determine their availability to assist.

If you have any questions, please call me.

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